## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 2, 7, 9 and 13 have been amended to present the claims in better form for allowance and for possible consideration on appeal. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to accept the proposed amendments. Claims 10 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-9, 11-13 and 15-16 are now are presented for examination.

## 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over McCollum, U.S. Patent No. 6,427,168 ("McCollum") and Smart Technology Enablers "SmartCIM to DMI Mapper" ("Smart").

Applicants respectfully submit that <u>McCollum</u> discloses "a method . . . that enables performance monitoring while using a centralized information source model such as CIM." (col. 2, lines 6-8). The CIM interacts with a CIMOM, and "the CIMOM . . . *acts as proxy on behalf of a client process requests.*" (col. 5, lines 35-38; emphasis provided). "[T]hrough the CIMOM, *client processes are relieved of the burden of locating and directly managing a multitude of devices on the network.* Instead, the CIMOM hides the management complexity by distributing the request to the appropriate providers." (col. 5, lines 61-65; emphasis provided).

<u>Smart</u> discloses that a "SmartDMI to CIM Mapper allows CIM management applications *to operate on DMI instrumented platforms.*" (page 1, lines 15-17; emphasis

provided).

In contrast, claim 1, in pertinent part, recites "a proxy Common Information Model Object Module (CIMOM) in communication with Common Information Model (CIM) client applications, a Desktop Management Interface (DMI) service provider, DMI component instrumentations, and a CIM/DMI provider." (emphasis provided). The Examiner in a final Office Action mailed January 31, 2006 (the "Action") states that "claim 1 does not disclose functionality of a DMI component instrumentation operating on a proxy CIMOM." (Action, page 2, point 3). Applicants respectfully disagree. Claim 1 recites that the proxy CIMOM is in communication with the DMI component instrumentations. Claim 1 further recites that the CIM/DMI provider "translate[s] the interrupts, the events, and the information into a format suitable for an intended recipient, wherein the intended recipient is the CIM client applications and the DMI component instrumentations." (emphasis provided). Applicants submit that neither McCollum nor Smart, individually or when combined in any combination, teach or reasonably suggest each and every element of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims be withdrawn.

Claims 9 and 13 contain limitations similar to those of claims 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 9 and 13 and their dependent claims.

## Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

## Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

## Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.
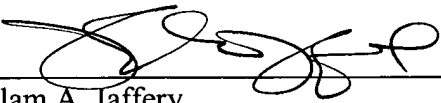
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